

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

41-2911

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, a vacancy for election purposes now exists in the membership of the United States House of Representatives from the 19th Congressional District of Texas, which consists of Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Hockley, Howard, part of Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Parmer, Terry, Ward, Winkler, and Yoakum Counties; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, Art. I, §2, requires the executive authority of the state to issue writs of election to fill such vacancies, and 2 U.S.C. §8, requires that the date of such election be as prescribed by state law, and Texas Election Code §204.021, requires that such a vacancy be filled by special election; and

WHEREAS, Tex. Elec. Code §203.004, requires that, absent a finding of an emergency, the special election be held on the next eligible uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the election is ordered, which would be May 3, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Tex. Elec. Code §3.003, requires the election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order by this proclamation a special election to be held in District 19 on Saturday, May 3, 2003, for the purpose of electing a U. S. Representative for Dist. 19 to serve out the unexpired term of the Hon. Larry Combest.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, in accordance with Tex. Elec. Code §85.001(a).

A copy of this order will be mailed immediately to the County Judges in Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Hockley, Howard, part of Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Parmer, Terry, Ward, Winkler, and Yoakum Counties; and all appropriate writs will be issued and all proper proceedings will be followed to the end that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in District 19 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have hereto signed my name and  
have officially caused the Seal of  
State to be affixed at my Office in  
the City of Austin, Texas, this the  
16th day of January, 2003.

*Rick Perry*  
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RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
3:15 pm O'CLOCK

ATTEST:

*Gwyn Shea*  
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GWYN SHEA  
Secretary of State

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